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1. On 9 March 1954, a column of about 50 vehicles, including 15 to 18 trucks each carrying 6 soldiers and towing 1 x 100-mm AT gun; 10 van-like trucks, 6 to 8 trucks with covered load, 3 trucks with field kitchens, 4 trucks carrying ammunition boxes, 2 to 3 half-track vehicles, ambulance 1 tank truck and 4 trucks, each occupied by 12 to 15 troops, arrived in Altenburg from the direction of Zwickau. 25X1B
 2. Between 3 and 10 March, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse (8002) was occupied by an estimated 500 troops. Heavy weapons observed included only individual 45-mm AT guns. Vehicular traffic was rather light. Motor vehicles 25X1B
 3. Between 3 and 10 March, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse (8001) was occupied by an estimated 600 troops. In addition to 100-mm AT guns, for the first time, observed 85-mm AT guns in the installation. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation. 25X1X
 4. On 7 March, a train carrying 11 x 152-mm gun howitzers and several trucks from Artillerie Kaserne left Altenburg for an undetermined destination. The shipment returned to the post on 12 March. Some of the vehicles Nos 25X1B
- identified. that a similar movement had been observed between 1 and 6 March.
- Comment. According to railroad records, 3 shipments went from Altenburg to Ohrdruf on 8 March. As 11 shipments of other units of the Eighth Gds Army, including 5 shipments of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, simultaneously went to the Ohrdruf area, a major exercise may have been conducted there between 8 and 12 March.

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